

SPRING 2020

MARCH

## CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER

## COMMUNITY CONNECTION NEWSLETTER

hello  
spring!

## A Message from the Mayor...

**Hello Canal Winchester!** Where's the snow? Not that I really think we need any because it sure is nice having 60 degree weather and bright sunshine in early March. The groundhog said an early spring is on its way and that means fewer potholes in our streets. Speaking of

spring and streets - the largest project for the 2020 Street Program will be the paving of Gender Road from US 33 to just short of the roundabout at Lithopolis Rd. This project, which will also include street signal upgrades, will be shared with ODOT with our share of the cost estimated to be just over \$375,000. Another significant project will be from just east of Wal-Mart's main entry on West Waterloo Street to Chesterville Drive. Other street projects will occur within subdivisions. In total, we will be spending close to one million dollars on street work this year, the largest amount in city history.

**One street has already been completed** - the extension of Bigerton Bend from West Waterloo to Gender Road. The extension of this street opens a new horizon for those who own street-legal golf carts, allowing them to travel to every retail shop, restaurants, grocery store and service center along the Gender Road corridor, those within the Wal-Mart shopping area, and all businesses on West Waterloo in the area of Aldi, Starbucks, O'Charleys, Firestone, Goodwill and others. Street-legal golf carts are allowed to travel on streets of 25mph or under and may cross streets of 35mph when traveling on a legal street. All residential subdivisions in Canal Winchester are 25mph and legal for travel.

**If you haven't heard yet**, the city of Canal Winchester purchased the former Bob McDorman Automotive Museum building in February. We are now in the process of reviewing proposals from four contractors for the construction of

the interior as well as some exterior modifications. We anticipate awarding the contract in Mid-June pending council approval. After construction is complete, we anticipate a move in date of February 2021. This building will serve as the new home of the City Municipal Building, the Community Center and potentially the Columbus Metropolitan Library. This move will also allow us to move the Sheriff's Sub-station to the current municipal building to give them more space, more accessibility, and off-street parking for cruisers and personal vehicles. Once all of these moves are made, the current community center (which has been showing its age and deteriorating) will be demolished and approximately 50 new parking spots will be constructed, giving downtown shoppers and business employees more parking choices all hours of the day.

Again, another busy year here in Canal Winchester, "The Greatest Little City in Ohio".

**Census 2020** — By April 1, 2020, every home in the United States will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. There are three ways to respond to the Census: online, by phone, and by mail.

In mid-March, households will begin receiving official Census Bureau mail with simple instructions on how to respond to the 2020 Census. This year, 2020, marks the first Census in U.S. history that allows, and in fact encourages, responses via the internet.

If you do not have internet access at home, you may still fill out the Census questionnaire online by visiting a Questionnaire Assistance Center. Questionnaire Assistance Centers are public locations made available by local agencies, and are not staffed by the U.S. Census Bureau. Staff in these locations are not employees of the U.S. Census Bureau and are therefore not permitted to collect responses - and are discouraged from assisting with responses. Computers are available for public use, however, and are offered as a courtesy to allow individuals to fill out their own questionnaires.

Thanks to the helpfulness of Canal Winchester Local Schools (who loaned four internet-ready laptops for this effort), the Frances Steube Community/Senior Center's (22 S. Trine) library has been set up as a Partner-lead Questionnaire Assistance Center. The Community Center's normal operating hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Public use of the computers to complete the Census questionnaire will be permitted on weekdays beginning March 13, during normal operating hours.

Additionally, the Canal Winchester branch (115 Franklin) of the Columbus Metropolitan Library, along with all CML libraries, will have a computer set aside starting March 12 for members of the community to use to fill out their Census questionnaire. *People will not need a library card to use this computer.* The Canal Winchester branch library is open from 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Friday & Saturday. The branch is closed on Sunday.

COMMUNITY  
EASTER EGG HUNT

4.11.20 | 10:00 AM

Age groups:  
Under 3 years | 3-6 years | 7-10 years

ROGER HANNERS PARK | 458 GROVEPORT RD. CANAL WINCHESTER, OH

## Coming Soon...

Mar 16 City Council

Apr 6 &amp; 20 City Council

Apr 10 City offices closed

Apr 11 Community Egg Hunt

Apr 18 Backyards Workshop

Apr 25 Prescription Drug Take-Back

May 2 Tree Giveaway

May 16 Art Stroll

May 20 Kris Sims Memorial Dinner

May 22 Touch-A-Truck

Check website for additional dates



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# Stormwater Awareness

**Only Rain Down the Drain** — Do you ever notice the storm drains along the side of the street as you're driving? When it rains, water running off our roofs, driveways, sidewalks, and parking lots into our streets is directed into these storm drains and begins its journey to the nearest waterway. Often this is a direct journey, with the storm sewer running straight to a river or stream. Stormwater picks up oil, other automobile fluids, trash, fertilizer and other pollutants and in many areas is discharged untreated into our streams. Even when this water passes through a pond or other stormwater feature, pollutants are not entirely removed and still make their way to our waterways.

Reducing pollution is everyone's job. Keeping stormwater from polluting our streams depends on all of us. Only rain should go down a storm drain. It's not just a saying or a good idea. It is the law.

## What can we do?

- Sweep grass clippings and lawn care products back onto the lawn.
- Pick up trash.
- Wash your car at a commercial car wash.
- Absorb and clean up and auto fluid spills.
- Fix leaking automobiles.
- Use drip pans to catch engine oil and other pollutants while repairing cars.
- Recycle used motor oil.
- Sweep driveways clean instead of hosing them down.
- When walking your pet remember to pick up the waste.
- Record and report illegal dumping down storm drains.
- Don't dump waste into storm drains.

Water your lawn by hand, or adjust sprinklers to avoid over-watering. If any water flows off your lawn, you're using too much water.

We swim, wade, kayak and fish and in these rivers and streams. Moreover, people rely on water from these water bodies for their drinking water. The vast majority of people in the Columbus metropolitan area drink water taken from our rivers and streams. The more pollutants that go into our streams, the more money we have to spend to clean the water for drinking.



## City News

### Spring Hydrant Flushing

Canal Winchester's Division of Water opens and flushes fire hydrants around the community twice each year. **Spring hydrant flushing will begin in early April & will last 2-3 wks.** To learn more, contact Canal Winchester's Division of Water at 614-837-5623.

### Mowing Season

Roadside & park mowing typically runs **April - October.**

### Do Not Knock Registry

The City maintains a list of residents within our corp. boundaries who have expressed a desire not to be visited by any peddler or solicitor. *For more information about the registry, call 614-837-7493.*

### Prescription Drug

#### Takeback Day — April 25

Safely dispose of unused and unwanted prescription drugs during Canal Winchester's Prescription Drug Takeback Day. Collectors will be stationed at Diley Ridge Medical Center's parking lot, 7911 Diley Rd. on Saturday, **April 25 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.**

#### Tree Giveaway — May 2

Our annual tree giveaway will be held Saturday, **May 2 from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.** Approximately 120 trees will be available on a first come, first served basis. *\*available to residents within city limits only. Proof of residency required.*

### Art Stroll — May 16

Destination: Canal Winchester invites you to enjoy this year's Canal Winchester Art Stroll, **Art on the Canal**, on Saturday, **May 16 from Noon to 6:00 P.M.** *For complete art stroll details, visit [destinationcw.org](http://destinationcw.org).*

### Kris Sims Memorial

#### Relay for Life Dinner — May 20

On Wednesday, **May 20 from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.**, Mayor Ebert and City Council members will work to earn tips for *Relay for Life* as they serve dinner at the Community Center. The three-course meal will include salad, bread, spaghetti & meatballs, drinks and a dessert. The cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child (10 and under). Pay at the door the night of the event (first come, first served). *All tips and dinner proceeds benefit Relay for Life, American Cancer Society. For more details, visit the city's website.*

#### Touch-A-Truck — May 22

Bring the family out to Stradley Park on Friday, **May 22 from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.** for Touch-A-Truck! Enjoy family-friendly activities at Stradley Park in our beautiful downtown. For complete details, visit our website.



**COMMUNITY BACKYARDS**  
**GET \$50 FOR YOUR YARD!**

### COMMUNITY BACKYARDS WORKSHOP

Ready to go green? Earn \$50 for your yard by participating in the online course and quiz or by attending our free workshop! Learn more about rain barrels & rain gardens, native plants, climate change, and composting.

**Saturday, April 18, 2020 at 1:00 P.M.**  
**CW Community Center (22 S. Trine St.)**

Register on our website or call 614-834-9915.

## City Phone Numbers

Main Number .....	614-837-7493
Clerk of Council .....	614-837-7493
Clerk of Court .....	614-837-7691
Community Affairs .....	614-834-9915
Community Center.....	614-837-8276
Construction Services .....	614-834-5109
Development Department .....	614-837-1894
Finance Department .....	614-837-6937
Human Resources .....	614-834-5118
Mayor Michael Ebert .....	614-837-7493
Public Service Department .....	614-834-5100
Water 614-837-5623	
<b>After-Hours Phone 614-837-7478</b>	
Streets, Lands, & Buildings 614-524-0163	
Urban Forestry 614-834-5110	
Waste Treatment 614-837-2254	
<b>After-Hours Phone 614-837-7478</b>	
Utility Clerk .....	614-837-7716
Sheriff Substation .....	614-837-7478

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